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Community Calendar

Annual record show set

Thousands of vinyl records, CD's, import only releases, t-shirts, posters, and other collectibles will be on display with the return of the 16th annual 88.1 Record Show set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Salem High School Cafeteria. The show is sponsored by the Red Ryder Lounge in Plymouth. Proceeds will benefit the nationally recognized student radio station operated by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Admission during normal show hours is $5. Collectors looking to get an early start can gain early admission between 9 and 10 a.m. for $10. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools will receive free admission with a student ID.

Murder Mystery Party at Romulus Public Library

Love Kills: A speed dating murder mystery is planned for 6 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Romulus Public Library. The event is for those 18 and older and red, pink and white attire is suggested for the event.

Participants will draw a character card and during the evening, a "murder" will occur and guests will attempt to find the murderer, murderers by asking questions of each other before time runs out. The group will vote on the identity of the culprit and the game will continue until the group decides all the guilty parties have been found. If the murderer remains undetected, he or she wins the game.

No preregistration is required. The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. More information is available at (734) 942-7589.

First library FormalSHARE now accepting donations

The Plymouth District Library staff members are planning FormalSHARE, the first-ever formal wear sharing event for prom, graduation and homecoming season at the facility. Through March 14, the library is accepting donation of gently used formal/semi-formal dresses, suits and sports coats, plus special occasion dress shirts, shoes and jewelry.

Donations which should be clean and on hangers are being accepted at the main floor help desk.

The FormalSHARE event is set for March 15 and registrations to participate are now being accepted on the library website.

More information is available at (734) 453-0750.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in Downtown Plymouth

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Sumpter Township Police Department earns accreditation

The Sumpter Township Police Department is now one of the 90 law enforcement agencies in the state to achieve accreditation by the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC).

During a formal hearing in Grand Rapids on Feb. 4, the Sumpter Township department was awarded the prestigious certification from the state organization. Of the current 571 law enforcement agencies in the state, only 90 have achieved the level of professional standards required for official accreditation by MLEAC

Officials said accreditation is a progressive and proven method that helps agencies enhance their overall performance and service. The foundation of the program is the proven adoption and compliance with 108 professional standards that articulate clear professional objectives. Under these 108 standards, police agencies are required to provide evidence of compliance in multiple subcategories. Following an intensive investigation, the performance of the Sumpter Township Police Department demonstrated adherence to the established standards.

Achieving accreditation status is a significant professional milestone, police officials said.

It recognizes our implementation of policies and procedures that reflect best practices in law enforcement. This process has also enables police departments to better serve their community, reduce risk and liability for both officers and the department, and strengthen the trust and reputation police officers and the department holds in the community.

In an official social media post, a spokesman for the Sumpter Police Department noted, "The MLEAC accreditation program encourages continuous improvement, accountability, and transparency within the law enforcement profession. Our department is committed to maintaining this as we begin the path of re-accreditation in three years.

"We are incredibly proud of our department and extend our gratitude to Accreditation Manager Sgt. Brian Seffani and Assistant Accreditation Manager Capt. Patrick Gannon for their dedication and outstanding work towards this achievement."

Area mourns death of education advocate Marda Benson, 92

Marda Benson, 92, the first woman to serve on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, died at her Plymouth home Feb. 4.

Mrs. Benson, who served as president of the school board for two years during her four-year elected term, was a dedicated advocate for education and taught courses on racism and sexism at Wayne State University to help educate future generations. Her death came one day before her 93rd birthday.

Her educational journey began at Eastern Michigan University, where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees. While pursuing her degrees, she met and married the love of her life, Paul Benson. She supported her husband as he completed his medical degree at the University of Michigan Medical School. Following his graduation, the couple started their family and were the parents of nine children. Their love story was cut short in 1971 when Dr. Paul Benson died at the age of 40 in a traffic accident. Mrs. Benson was left a widow with nine children under the age of 12.

At the age of 52, Mrs. Benson embarked on a successful second career as a real estate agent. For nearly 40 years, she was a well-known and highly respected agent in the community. Her family said that Mrs. Benson truly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, reading, and traveling. During her career as a real estate agent, Mrs. Benson continued to be an advocate for education, using her knowledge to educate future generations. Mrs. Benson made history when she was the first woman ever elected to the Plymouth Canton school board. Her leadership in that role established her as a trailblazer and a role model for many who followed her example of activism. She was outspoken in her beliefs, especially about education and gender equality, her family said.

Mrs. Benson was born in Detroit to the late Ethel (née Lundgren) and Howard Jessop. She is survived by her nine children, Paul Benson, Jr., Kristin (Roman) Benson, Kara (Paul) Benson-Perez, Nels (Sonia) Benson, Maia (Katie) Burgoon-Benson, Lars (Kathleen) Benson, Per Benson, Maren (Charles) McKolay, and Kirsti (Udai) Rabban; grandchildren Paul (Katie) Benson, III, Morgan Benson, Krista Benson, Roman (Haley) Benson, Perry Benson, Paris Benson-Perez, Jack Benson, Brittany (Alex) Romano, Drew Benson Peters, Mara (Jeff) Baxter, Haley (Justin) Morrison, Riley Benson, Per Benson, Jr., Summer and Sydney Benson, Charles McKolay, Jr., Ava Rabban, Alexander Rabban, Vaughn Marda Burgoon, and eight great-grandchildren.

Marda Benson

Visitation will take place at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St, Plymouth from 4 until 8 p.m. Sunday Feb. 16. Funeral services are planned from 10 until 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at the funeral home. Interment will be at Arborcrest Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Benson's name can be made to St. Jude Research Hospital, 2000 Town Center, Suite 1730, Southfield, MI 48075.

Candidate election packets now available in Romulus clerk's office

Candidate packets are now available for the 2025 Romulus election.

This year, the 4-year terms of the mayor, clerk, treasurer and seven city council seats will be on both the primary election ballot set for Tuesday, Aug. 5 and the general election set for Nov. 4.

City council meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of every month in the council chambers at city hall.

Packets for potential candidates are available in the city clerk's office located on the lower level of Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road. The deadline for filing for any term is 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 22.

To be eligible for any office, candidates must be a registered voter in the city and have been a resident of Romulus for at least one year prior to filing for office. To complete the candidate packet, hopefuls will need to provide an affidavit of identity, a statement of candidacy and nominating petitions. The petitions must have a minimum of 100 signatures but cannot exceed 200 signatures of Romulus residents.

The packets can be obtained at the clerk's office and general election information will be available.

More information is available at (734) 942-7540.

Words of warning

Firefighters in Romulus responded to 16 calls for aid last week, including a structure fire off Beverly Road. There were no injuries in the Feb. 7 house fire and all the occupants were safely rescued from building. Fire officials cautioned the public regarding the need for operating smoke detectors in every home. The detectors should be tested to ensure they are operating frequently, officials said. If residents do not have the life-saving devices installed, officials urged them to contact the fire department as they might qualify for free detectors, installed by the fire department staff.

Canton Township to host 3 off-season indoor Farmers Markets

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Off-Season Markets in February, March, and April at a new location this year at the Village Arts Factory, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. The Markets, which are sponsored by Renewal by Andersen, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16, March 16, and April 13.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in the off-season markets.

Scheduled to participate are: AJH Timbercrafts, - featuring cutting boards and wooden engravings; Be Well Be Whole - featuring vegan baked goods; Big White Dog Studio, LLC - featuring handmade beaded & gemstone jewelry; Bobilin Honey, LLC - featuring honey and bees wax; Bougie Blendz - featuring soaps and skincare products; Canton Historical Society - featuring historical information; Cookies & More LLC - featuring custom cookie design; D&M Art Studio - featuring art supplies; Darling Decor Desserts - featuring frosted sugar cookies and more; Flowing Script Calligraphy - featuring custom English and Arabic calligraphy; Fowl Creek Farm - featuring fresh cut and locally grown flowers, seeds, and more; Freezie Fitz Candy - featuring freeze dried candy and fruits; Gateway Farm - featuring organic produce and microgreens; Girl Scout Troop 40947 - featuring girl scout cookies; Gleehead Baking Company - featuring assorted baked goods, coffee, tea, and more; Hazel Coffee- featuring specialty coffees and teas; Jerry's Treats - featuring assorted cookies, cakes, and treats; Jump-A-Rama - featuring drop-in gym while parents shop; Kapolnek Farms LLC - featuring beef, chicken, bacon, brats, jerky, and pork; Knots and Stitches - featuring hand crocheted plushies and accessories; Lumiere Candle Co. - featuring soy candles; Mariposa Boutique - featuring handmade hair bows, kids clothes, and accessories; MSU Master Gardeners - featuring expert advice regarding gardening topics; Pat's Creations - featuring microwave potholders, quick breads, and kitchen scrubbys; Pick MI Farms - featuring seasonal vegetables, pasture raised chicken eggs; Rose's Best - featuring all natural skincare; SignWoodworks - featuring custom laser engraved and wood products; SkinCare Social Club - featuring boutique skin care products; Smokey Citrine - featuring custom jewelry and gemstone creations; SpiceGrrrl - featuring classic handcrafted spice blends; STEAP Specialty Tea Products - featuring loose leaf tea; Sweet Creations by Michele - featuring vegan baked goods; The Cheese People of Grand Rapids - featuring artisan cheese; The Print Shop T - featuring 3-D printed items; Touch of Love Cookies, LLC - featuring homemade cookies; Travelin' Tom's Coffee of Belleville – featuring hot and cold beverages; True2You Candle Boutique - featuring drop-in candle making and candle sales; and Wild Wolf Coffee - featuring roasted coffee beans and coffee products.

"We're thrilled to be able to host this year's off-season markets at the Village Arts Factory," said Canton Farmers Market Supervisor Chelsea Straub. "These markets do a great job of filling a unique niche in our community by enabling market-goers to shop for meat, winter root vegetables, honey, microgreens, baked goods, lotions and other amazing local goods during the winter months."

The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will begin Sunday, May 11, and will continue most Sundays through Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The regular season will begin at the Village Arts Factory, located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road, through July 25, due to construction at Preservation Park.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.cantonmi.gov/496, contact the Farmers Market Coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@cantonmi.gov, or call (734) 394-5375.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

GREAT LAKES TOWING IMPOUND AND RECOVERY

On Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at 11:30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2019	BUICK	SW	KL4CJASBXKB749453	24-0080683
2014	HYUNDAI	4D	5NPEB4ACXEH828003	25-0001196
2020	HYUNDAI	SW	KM8J3CAL5LU248534	25-0003702

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2010	FORD	PU	1FTMF1CW4AKB05426	25-0000876
2014	FORD	SW	1FMCU0JX1EUC19476	25-0000876
2004	FORD	SW	1FMZU62K74UC26284	25-0000876

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Taylor Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Taylor Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2010	JEEP	SW	1J4PN2GK8AW101699	25-0000104

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Plymouth Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Plymouth Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2013	BUICK	4D	1G4PP5SK0D4162680	24-0089519
2017	CHEVROLET	SW	2GNALCEKXH1574586	24-0089517
2016	CHEVROLET	SW	2GNALCEK6G6255896	24-0089560
2011	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1PG5S94B7263100	25-0003560

The above vehicles are impounded through the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2013	TOYOTA	4D	JTDKN3DU4D5684892	24-0049773
2017	DODGE	SW	3C4PDCAB6HT563606	24-0050966

The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Township Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is $100 purchase fee paid directly to the Canton Township Police Department per vehicle on top of the winning bid.

2015	FORD	4D	1FADP3FEXFL208935	24-0022598

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Wayne Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Wayne Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

Talking trash

New trash and recycling carts have arrived at the City of Plymouth Department of Municipal Services yard. Officials said delivery of the new containers to city residents will occur beginning next month. Residents have the option of standard 65-gallon containers or can request a 95-gallon cart in advance. The carts include a lid to reduce odors and to deter animals. out. The carts are emptied by a truck equipped with an automated articulating arm, so the driver never has to get out of the cab. Therefore, all trash and recycling items must be placed within the confines of the carts. Hazardous materials, liquids, concrete, and compost including dirt and sod may not be placed in automated trash or recycling carts. For more details, visit plymouthmi.gov (municipal services).

PUBLIC AUCTION

MARTIN'S TOWING
17180 DIX TOLEDO RD.
BROWNSTOWN, MI 48193
FEBRUARY 19, 2025 • 10:00 AM

2021 DODGE 1C4SDJCT7MC882975
2021 RAM 1C6SRFRT5MN626383?
2010 NISSAN 5N1AN0NW2AC510266
1972 CHEVROLET 1N47H21252452
1969 FORD 9F02M172091
2015 CHEVROLET 1G1PA5SH8F7213248
2009 JEEP 1J8GP28K19W527382
2016 FORD 3FA6P0HD9GR360557
2016 KIA KNDJP3A56G7385237
2015 CHRYSLER 2C3CCAGG3FH756959
2013 NISSAN 1N4BL3AP1DN525760
2018 FORD 2FMPK4G90JBB47032
2015 SUBARU 4S3BNAL64F3043747
2016 FORD 3FA6P0T95GR232318
2020 CHEVROLET 3GNLBCR40LS710336
2015 DODGE 1C4RDHDG1FC766070
2005 TOYOTA 4T1BK36B55U007583
2006 CHEVROLET 2G1WT58KX69364096
2015 FORD 1FAHP2KT7FG174784
2017 FORD 3C4PDCBG9HT572262
2016 GMC 2GKFLPE3XG6190456
2012 DODGE 3C4PDCCG7CT134105
2018 JEEP 1C4RJFAG7JC158418
2013 CHRYSLER 1C3CCBCG6DN602357
2005 TOYOTA 5TDZA23CX5S279564
2016 FORD 3FADP4BJ6GM170354
2016 CHEVROLET 1G1ZE5ST6GF352545
2004 GMC 1GKDT13S542231843
1987 WELLCRAFT WELR9270A787

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. February 27, 2025 for the following:

Canton Sports Complex – Paving and Storm Sewer

Project consists of HMA pavement replacement, selective concrete sidewalk replacement and selective concrete curb and gutter replacement at the Canton Sports Complex It also includes storm sewer and bioretention work and path paving.

Approximate major quantities are as follows:

Remove and Replace HMA Pavement	25900	SY D
Concrete Walk, Rem and Replace	5000	SF T
Storm Sewer Install	400	LF
Curb and Gutter, Rem & Replace	5700	FT

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, pregnancy, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, height, weight or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following public hearings at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petition:

BZA-2025-001; **Kotlarek Side Yard Setback Variance**, requesting the following variance from *Section 3.04(a) Accessory Buildings and Structures (4)a. Detached Accessory Building Setbacks of the Romulus Zoning Ordinance* to reduce the required side yard set back from 3' to 16 ¾" to construct a car port for their camper. The property is located at **38300 Tyler Road** (DP# 80-069-99-0025-700).

Copies of the applications are available for review in the Building Department located at the Department of Public Services (12600 Wayne Road) during regular business hours which are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Jeff Kemp, Director of Building and Planning at 734-942-7550. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Building Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the Planning Secretary (734-955-4530) 48 hours prior to the meeting. Our staff will be pleased to make necessary arrangements.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
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